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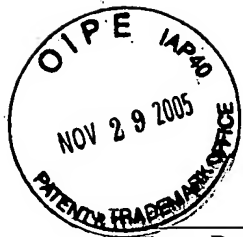
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		Art Unit	1731	
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						Small Entity	
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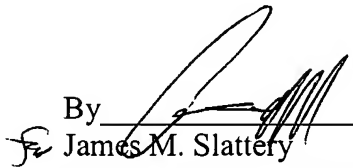
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